

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2010, please consider the following remarks: